## 2017 - 2018 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

## **Ready for Notebook**

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**Budget Action Title:** Increase GSF support by \$475,000 in both 2017 and 2018 to Finance General

and impose a proviso for community connections in food banks

Ongoing: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Primary Sponsor: Sawant, Kshama

Councilmembers: Johnson; Juarez; O'Brien

Staff Analyst: Asha Venkataraman

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	ТВ	LG	ВН	LH	RJ	DJ	MO	KS
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

## **Summary of Dollar Effect**

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2017 Increase (Decrease)	2018 Increase (Decrease)		
General Subfund				
General Subfund Revenues	\$0	\$0		
General Subfund Expenditures	<u>\$475,000</u>	<i>\$475,000</i>		
Net Balance Effect	(\$475,000)	(\$475,000)		
Total Budget Balance Effect	(\$475,000)	(\$475,000)		

#### **Budget Action description:**

This green sheet would add \$475,000 GSF in both 2017 and 2018 to Finance General reserves and impose a proviso for social service navigators at food banks throughout Seattle. These staff would be a central point by which clients can connect to services of which they are unaware or for which they are unable to navigate the referral and application processes.

This funding will also support data collection and training so that the food banks can be compliant with any required reporting from the Human Service Department. Several food banks (particularly the larger sites) are already working with their designated Regional Access Point (RAP) organizations to engage in coordinated entry. Service Navigators would work with their mobile RAP representative to set up appointments and follow up with clients who are in need of housing and shelter services.

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The Service Navigators will be expected to do more than provide housing connections; the employees in these positions should reflect the level of flexibility needed to meet the needs of the communities to be served. Services would include, but are not limited to, assisting clients with:

- Connecting to mental health resource connections;
- Applying for services such as ORCA LIFT, DSHS benefits, Apple Health, childcare assistance and educational/training courses;
- Accessing job readiness, job searching, or volunteer opportunities;

Service Navigators would also be expected to identify new services that would be available to clients who frequent the food bank and stay up to date with stability service opportunities. Service Navigators may also conduct trainings or organize service fairs at the food banks.

Without this additional support, food banks are only able to offer food stability services. All other service connections currently require clients to make additional trips to other locations. When clients are forced to choose one service stop because of limited time and transportation options, meeting the immediate need of accessing food usually wins out. Food banks are uniquely aware of the barriers their clients face in attempting to access resources outside of their neighborhoods. This additional service will help individuals and families meet their needs where they are already seeking assistance.

This green sheet would impose the following budget proviso:

"Of the appropriation in the 2017 budget for the Finance General Reserves BCL, \$475,000 is appropriated (and of the amount endorsed for 2018, \$475,000 is expected to be appropriated) solely for the provision of social service navigators at food banks. Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Human Services Department provides Council with a report including a description of: (1) the work and funding the City already does or contracts for that achieves the same outcomes for which the social service navigators are intended; (2) how new social service navigators would fit into the City's existing portfolio of services; (3) how duplication of existing services will be prevented; (4) the plan for effectively achieving outcomes; and (5) how these new services will be evaluated."

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# **Budget Action Transactions**

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
		Title	_			Source	Code			Aillouilt	Aillouilt
			Positions								
1	Increase GSF support for				FG	Reserves	2QD00	00100	2017		\$475,000
	community connections in										
	food banks										
2	Increase GSF support for				FG	Reserves	2QD00	00100	2018		\$475,000
	community connections in										
	food banks										